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## PATENT APPLICATION

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Title: MATTRESS

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This is a request for filing a  continuation  Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/440,905, filed May 19, 2003, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/090,722, filed March 4, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,564,412, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/177,772, filed October 23, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,351,862, which claims the benefit of provisional application Serial No. 60/063,118, filed October 24, 1997.

The entire disclosures of the prior applications, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, are considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and are hereby incorporated by reference.

1.  Enclosed is a continuation patent application.
2.  Declarations and Powers of Attorney:
  - is being filed with this application.
  - were filed in the prior application, and copies are enclosed herewith.
3.  Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
4.  The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

| ✓ CLAIMS AS FILED  |                 |        |                          |       |       |
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|  | NUMBER<br>FILED |        | NUMBER<br>EXTRA*         | RATE  | FEE   |
| BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a))  |                 |        |                          | \$770 | \$770 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))   | 32              | - 20 = | 12                       | \$18  | \$216 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))   | 3               | - 3 =  | 0                        | \$86  | \$0   |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))   |                 |        |                          | \$290 |       |
| *NUMBER EXTRAMUST BE ZERO OR LARGER  |                 |        |                          | TOTAL | \$986 |
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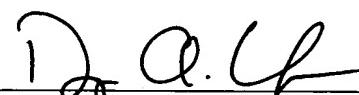
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6.  Request for \_\_\_\_\_ Month extension of time in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed herewith.
7.  A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to cover the extension of time.
8.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9.  The original application was assigned from the inventors to Hill-Rom Services, Inc.
10.  An assignment of the invention is enclosed herewith.
11.  A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the recordation fee for the assignment is enclosed.
12.  Request For Non-Publication and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(1)
13.  Associate Power of Attorney form.
14.  Change of Address form.
15.  Address all future communications to:

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16.  An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
17.  A PTO Form 1449 is enclosed with copies of \_\_\_ cited references.
18.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during prosecution of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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